



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

### Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

#### Draft Meeting Minutes

##### Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on April 16, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the First Things First Board Office, 4000 N. Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 a.m.

##### Members Present:

Steve Lynn, Dr. Eugene Thompson, Nadine Mathis Basha, Dr. Pamela Powell, Vivian Suanders, and Hon. Cecil Patterson

##### Members Absent:

Dr. Arturo Gonzalez

##### Ex-Officio Member Present:

Amy Corriveau and Will Humble

##### Ex-Officio Member Absent:

Neal Young

##### Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to the Legislature to Assist with the Budget Crisis

Rhian Evans Allvin, Executive Director for First Things First, updated the Board on events relating to the state legislature. Director Allvin presented background on the possibility of an interest free loan to the state, possible temporary relief for Kids Care and potential issues with HCR2039 and HCR2041 and the impacts to First Things First.

A motion was made by Member Thompson that the Board authorize the Executive Director and Board Chairman to negotiate on behalf of the Board the resolution of this issue authorizing the loaning of up to \$300 million from the First Things First fund balance to the state with no interest, to be paid back by a specific payback schedule which would commence in fiscal year 2013 and end in fiscal year 2018, seconded by Member Patterson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha that the Board authorize the Executive Director and Board Chairman to negotiate on behalf of the Board the appropriate language be added to the ballot measure, should we be successful in the negotiating of the loan, to allow for the payment over the next two and one half years of up to \$60 million to pay for that portion of the state's obligation of KidsCare which would then require that we have a temporary release from the public the language of non-supplantation and to be able to serve children beyond the age of 0-5, for this purpose only, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Mathis Basha to direct the Executive Director and Board Chairman that during the course of the negotiations they need to convey to legislative leadership and members that the loan offer and the KidsCare offer are contingent on HCR2031 not being on the ballot, seconded by Member Thompson. Motion carried.

Member Lynn added his gratitude to Jay Heiler and Wendy Briggs and their firms for their expert and invaluable guidance through this process.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.